

# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: May 2014  
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As you know, the General Assembly is now in recess and the Governor continues to sign bills into law! The next bill signings are scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am. For more details, click [here](#). So you may continue to stay engaged on all matters impacting you locally and statewide, I've created this special edition. Below you will find legislation under



consideration by the County Council and I encourage you to lend your voice by emailing us at [Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov).

Testimony may also be submitted in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

This special edition also includes updates on legislation recently decided by the General assembly and where possible, signed by the Governor. If you have questions relating to bills considered by the Delegation or the Maryland General Assembly, please contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

## INTRODUCTIONS

All current County Council legislation can be found [online](#).

## APPOINTMENTS

### CR40-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bitia Dayhoff to the Howard County

Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### CR41-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erica C. Roberts to the Planning Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### CR42-2014

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charley C. Sung to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## Financial (Non-FY2015 Budget)

### CR43-2014

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014; transferring \$500,000 to the Administration category; transferring \$450,000 to the Textbooks and Instructional Supplies category; transferring \$250,000 to the Other Instructional Costs category; and transferring \$2,750,000 to the Fixed Charges category.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **GENERAL**

### **CB16-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT authorizing the advance payment of real property tax in accordance with State law and generally relating to real property tax in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB17-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multiyear Grant Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and the Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission, Inc., a Maryland non-profit corporation, for the purpose of funding certain improvements to Merriweather Post Pavilion.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB18-2014**

**Introduced by: Council Member Calvin Ball**  
**Co-sponsored by: Council Member Greg Fox, Council Member Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Member Jennifer Terrasa and Council Member Courtney Watson**

AN ACT amending the Rehabilitation Loan Program to allow loans for renovations and expansions; amending the moderate income housing unit provisions to prohibit certain alternatives in certain areas; requiring the use of fee in lieu funds for homeownership opportunities in certain areas; prohibiting the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Commission from participating in certain housing projects; and generally related to moderate income housing units and the Rehabilitation Loan Program in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB19-2014 (ZRA 150)**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to change certain bonus density options and percentages of employment land use areas that apply when age-restricted adult housing is provided in MXD-6 developments, under certain conditions; amending the process for certain Preliminary Plan amendments under certain conditions; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB20-2014 (ZRA 149)**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox, Councilmember**

**Co-sponsored by: Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilmember; Courtney Watson, Councilmember** AN ACT

amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to alter and include new definitions related to composting and wood processing; removing all references to Mulch Manufacturing; adding Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities as a Conditional Use on County Preservation Easements under certain conditions; adding Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities as a Permitted Use in the M-1 (Manufacturing: Light) zoning district; adding Composting Facilities as a Permitted Use in the Solid Waste Overlay zoning district with a M-2 (Manufacturing: Heavy) underlying zone under certain conditions; removing Composting Facilities as a Conditional Use in the RC (Rural Conservation) zoning district; adding Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities as a Conditional Use in the RC (Rural Conservation) zoning district under certain conditions; and generally related to Composting and Wood Processing uses.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB21-2014 (ZRA 148)**

**Introduced by: the Chair at the request of**

**The Dayton Rural Preservation Society, LLC** AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to alter and include new definitions related to composting and wood processing; removing Composting Facility as a Conditional Use on County Preservation Easements; adding Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities as a Permitted Use in the M-1 (Manufacturing: Light) zoning district; adding Composting Facilities as a Permitted Use in the Solid Waste Overlay zoning district with a M-2 (Manufacturing: Heavy) underlying zone under certain conditions; removing Composting Facilities as a Conditional Use in the RC (Rural Conservation) zoning district; and generally related to Composting and Wood Processing uses.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **BUDGET**

### **CB22-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees; lengthening certain longevity pays for certain Correctional managers; amending certain specialty pays; amending certain overtime and compensatory time provisions; adding, removing and amending certain position classifications; reflecting pay grades that apply to certain bargaining units; amending certain pay grades;

making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB23-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; amending and adding certain class descriptions; clarifying certain eligibility to participate in a union; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB24-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2015.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB25-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$156,123,336 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road resurfacing projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects, sewer projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection

therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB26-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$55,526,614 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB27-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$27,561,012 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB28-2014**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$4,000,000, on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County education capital projects as more particularly described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with school facility surcharges and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB29-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$4,406,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County environmental services projects as more particularly described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Environmental Services Special Revenue Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB30-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$20,000,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County broadband projects as more particularly described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the

County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Non-County Government BBI Fund and the Private Sector BBI Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB31-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** AN ACT to authorize and empower Howard County, Maryland, to enter into installment purchase agreements to acquire development rights in agricultural lands located within the County (Project No. G 0163), for an aggregate purchase price of not more than \$5,406,832, plus interest thereon; providing that the County's obligation to pay the purchase price under and interest on such agreements shall be a general obligation of the County made upon its full faith and credit; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with the portion of the transfer tax imposed on transfers of real property in Howard County which is dedicated to agricultural land preservation and other available funds, to provide for the payment of the purchase price under and interest on any agreements so entered into; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR44-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR45-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR46-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR47-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR48-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR49-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR50-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR51-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR52-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR53-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR54-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for:

- (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan;
- (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card;
- (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board;
- (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee;
- (5) Participation in work release program;
- (6) Participation in home detention program;
- (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs;
- (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services;
- (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and
- (10) Reproduction of public records.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR55-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR56-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of

the Circuit Court.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR57-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR58-2014** **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2014.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR59-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR60-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CR30-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Susan M. Hailman to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR31-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Opel T. Jones, I to the Human Rights Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR32-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Katherine Elicker to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR33-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Richard J. Green to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR34-2014**

**Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Andrew A. Monjan, Ph. D., M.P.H. to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **FINANCIAL**

#### **SAO3-FY2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$2,000,000 from the General Reserve, Contingency Fund to the Department of Public Works and increasing the General Fund budget of the Department of Public Works and the County by an additional \$1,300,000 for unanticipated expenses for snow removal; and declaring, under section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, that this transfer is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **TAO3-FY2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT transferring \$100,000 in grant funding from Capital Project C0214, Category Contingency Fund, to Capital Project C0337, Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements, for the Ellicott City Streetscape Program grant.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## **GENERAL**

### **CB12-2014**

**Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require developers conducting presubmission community meetings in accordance with Section 16.128 and 16.205 of the County Code to send notification to any school within a three-mile radius of the subject property; and generally relating to presubmission community meetings.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB13-2014**

**Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Council Member**

**Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Council Member  
Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member**

AN ACT requiring County Boards and Commissions and the Howard County Housing Commission to publicly post minutes and agendas of all open meetings; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB14-2014**

**Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member**

**Co-sponsored by: Calvin Ball Council Member,  
Courtney Watson Council Member**

AN ACT amending the building code to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the Equal Business Opportunity Commission to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the human rights provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending housing and community development programs to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending towing provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; amending recreations and parks provisions to conform terms relating to persons with disabilities; and generally relating to people with disabilities.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CB15-2014 (ZRA 145)**

**Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Independent Business Association, Inc.**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' NT (New Town) zoning district's Definitions, Requirements and Restrictions pertaining to Gasoline Service Stations; amending the criteria for Conditional Use Gasoline Service Stations; and generally

related to Gasoline Service Stations.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR35-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION declaring that a portion of certain real property consisting of 0.6113 acres located on Guilford Road and owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to The Salvation Army in exchange for the acquisition of 0.6113 acres of adjacent property owned by The Salvation Army; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the County Code in connection with the property's conveyance; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the County's interest in the property if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR36-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County shown as Parcel A, containing approximately 1.7386 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR37-2014**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### **CR38-2014**

**Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Councilperson**

A RESOLUTION requesting the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board to review the potential environmental impacts of locating Composting

Facility & Mulch Manufacturing uses on agricultural land in Howard County and make a recommendation to the County Council by a certain date and requesting the County Executive to provide appropriate county resources to support this effort.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR39-2014**

##### **Introduced by: Calvin Ball**

A RESOLUTION, creating a task force to study standards and related parking issues for locating fueling stations and to recommend standards for locating facilities.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **TABLED**

#### **CR150-2011**

##### **Introduced By, Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Last Action: Tabled 10/3/2011*

*Votes: YEAS – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson*

*NAY – Council Member Ball*

#### **CR117-2013**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive** A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 0.841 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the right-of-way of Dorsey Run Road is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

*Last Action: Tabled 10/7/2013*

*Votes: Unanimous*

## **THE PROCESS**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:30pm: Legislative Work Session (if needed)
- Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:30pm or later: Operating Budget and Operating and Capital Budgets (HCC, Libraries, Public Safety and Corrections (immediately following work session))
- Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 4:30pm: Public Hearing (continuation, if needed)
- Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 8:30am: Operating and Capital Budget, Revenues/Fees, Public Safety, and Corrections Work Session in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 1pm: Work Session (continuation, if needed) in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Friday, May 2, 2014 at 8:30am: Operating and Capital Budgets Work Session (Judicial, Circuit and Orphan's Courts, State's Attorney, Board of Elections, Legislative)
- Friday, May 2, 2014 at 9am: Capital and Operating Budgets Work Session (Education, HCC and Libraries)
- Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7pm: Constant Yield
- Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 9:30am: Operating Budget Work Session (Public Facilities, DILP, DPW, DPZ, Soil Conservation)





## Howard County State Delegation Legislation

The 2014 legislative session has concluded. For your convenience, I have shared an update of the bills that were under consideration. For further information, contact **Dan Furman** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us)

### SB1112

#### **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restriction on Class A Licenses Ho. Co. 1-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County from issuing more than one Class A license of any type for every 4,000 individuals in the County, as determined by the latest federal census; and providing a specified exception.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 132-4; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### HB1093

#### **Howard County Board of Education – Members – Salary Increase Ho. Co. 2-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Increasing the amount of compensation of the chairman from \$14,000 to \$17,000 and other elected members from \$12,000 to \$15,000 of the Howard County Board of Education; establishing a \$5,000 scholarship for the student member of the board under specified circumstances; specifying that the student member may be reimbursed for specified expenses; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the chairman or other elected members of the board during a specified term of office; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 133-2; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### HB1092

#### **Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized Ho. Co. 03-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the county to establish the

- Friday, May 9, 2014 at 9:30am: Operating Budget Work Session (CSP, Rec & Parks, Citizen Services, Transportation, Health, Mental Health, Social Security, Cooperative Extension)
- Friday, May 9, 2014 at 1pm: Operating Budget Work Session (continuation, if needed)
- Monday, May 12, 2014 at 4:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 8:30am: Operating Budget Work Session - Funds (General Govt., Executive, Administration, Finance, Law, Econ. Dev. DTCS, Housing)
- Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 1pm: Operating Budget Work Session (continuation, if needed)
- Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 8:30am: Operating Budget Work Session (continuation, if needed)
- Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 11am: General Budget Public Hearing
- Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 1pm: Operating Budget Work Session (continuation, if needed)
- Friday, May 16, 2014 at 8:30am: Operating Budget Work Session (continuation, if needed)
- Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing (included budget related legislation)
- Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 2pm: Legislative Session (Budget Adoption)
- Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 4:30pm: Legislative Work Session
- Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm: Legislative Session
- Thursday, May 5, 2014 at 3:30pm: Meeting with Board of Education in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, June 9, 2014 at 4:30 pm: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm: Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, June 23, 2014 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

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amount of the permit fee; limiting the amount of specified money prizes; requiring a permit holder to ensure that specified standards are met; etc.

*Status: Fail.*

**HB466 / SB427**

**Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Day Resource Center Ho. Co. 4-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$575,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Day Resource Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: \$315,000 of the funding request is embedded into the Capital Budget. (\*Subject to final review of the Capital Budget/[SB171](#))*

**HB449 / SB426**

**Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Head Start Program Retrofitting Ho. Co. 5-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, retrofitting, and capital equipping of the Head Start Program facilities, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: \$200,000 is embedded into the Capital Budget. (\*Subject to final review of the Capital Budget/[SB171](#))*

**HB455 / SB425**

**Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Historic Belmont Property and Historic Garden Restoration Ho. Co. 6-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Belmont Property and Garden, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: \$65,000 of the funding request is embedded into the Capital Budget. (\*Subject to final review of the Capital Budget/[SB171](#))*

**HB470 / SB424**

**Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Shaded Structures for Playgrounds Ho. Co. 7-14**

*Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of shaded structures for playgrounds, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: This project was not funded.*

**HB1091**

**Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals Ho. Co. 09-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; specifying that a special beer festival license authorizes the holder to display and sell at retail beer for consumption on and off the licensed premises on specified days and hours; requiring an applicant for a special beer festival license to be the holder of a specified license; establishing a license fee of \$50 for a 1-day or 2-day festival; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 137-0; Senate: 46-0). Awaiting signature from the Governor.*

**HB456 / SB643**

**Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Facility**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: \$250,000 is embedded into the Capital Budget. (\*Subject to final review of the Capital Budget/[SB171](#))*

#### **HB471**

### **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Howard County - Supported Living Facility Ho. Co. 11-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to provide that the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. have until June 1, 2016, to provide a matching fund for a grant for the Supported Living Facility, located in Howard County; etc.

*Status: Project integrated as part of Capital Project.*

#### **HB1411**

### **Howard County - Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board - Compensation Ho. Co. 12-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council.

*Status: Fail.*

#### **HB1084**

### **Howard County - Practice of Massage - Regulation Ho. Co. 13-14**

*Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of specified individuals; etc.

*Status: Fail.*

#### **HB972**

### **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Howard County - The Arc of Howard County - Graeoch Home Renovation**

*Sponsored by Delegate Guzzone*

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to alter the purpose of a grant for The Arc of Howard County - Graeoch Home Renovation; extending the deadline to June 1, 2015, for the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. to present evidence of a matching fund; providing that the grant may not terminate before June 1, 2015; etc.

*Status: \$136,000 of funding request was granted an extension. Additionally, a new request for \$9,000 was also authorized for the Homewood Road renovation project. (\*Subject to final review of the Capital Budget/[SB171](#))*

## **Maryland State General Assembly Legislation**



#### **HB295**

### **Maryland Minimum Wage Act of 2014**

*Sponsored by: Speaker*

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; authorizing specified amusement and recreational establishments to pay specified employees a specified wage under specified circumstances; repealing the exemption from the Maryland Wage and Hour law for specified individuals; repealing specified exemptions from a provision of law related to the payment of overtime wages; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly as amended (House 87-47; Senate 34-13). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB212**

### **Fairness for All Marylanders Act of 2014**

*Sponsored by: Senator Madaleno*

Prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity with regard to public accommodations, housing, and employment and by specified licensed or regulated persons; altering the applicability of specified provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in places of public accommodation; prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity with regard to commercial leasing; altering the applicability of provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in employment; providing specified immunity; etc.

*Status: Passed General Assembly (Senate 32-15; House 82-57). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB1215 / SB785**

### **Higher Education – 2+2 Transfer Scholarship**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Bohanan / Senator Curie*

Renaming the Community College Transfer Scholarship to be the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship and altering specified elements of the Program; altering the qualifications for the scholarship and the annual amount of the award; specifying that the scholarship may be used for 3 years, or six semesters, whichever is longer; requiring at least \$2,000,000 to be transferred from the Need-Based Student Financial Assistance Fund under specified circumstances; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

**HB482 / SB455**

**Higher Education – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Tuition Exemption**

*Sponsored by: Delegate / Senator Reilly*

Adding an unaccompanied homeless youth to the list of individuals who may be eligible for waiver of specified tuition and fees at specified institutions of higher education; requiring a specified administrator to verify that specified youth qualify as independent students under the federal College Cost Reduction and Access Act; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

**HB811 / SB876**

**Education – Summer Career Academy Pilot Program**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Olszewski / Senator Klausmeier*

Establishing the Summer Career Academy Pilot Program; identifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to develop criteria for the selection of eligible school systems and eligible students; authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to select up to four school systems to participate in the Program; requiring a student selected for the Program to be assigned a summer career counselor, a summer employment opportunity, and to receive a stipend of up to \$4,500; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor)*

**HB701 / SB454**

**Criminal Law Child Kidnapping for the Purpose of Committing a Sexual Crime – Penalty**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Lee / Senator Robey*

Reclassifying as a felony a specified offense relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an individual under the age of 16 years; and increasing the penalty, to up to 30 years imprisonment or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both, for violation of a specified provision of law relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an individual under the age of 16 years.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 137-0; Senate: 44-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

**HB559 / SB818**

**State Government – Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Robinson / Senator Forehand*

Requiring the Secretary of State to establish the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program for victims of human trafficking; stating the purpose of the Program; establishing eligibility requirements of the Program; establishing application and participation requirements of the Program; requiring an applicant to provide a specified release and waiver of future claims against the State;

prohibiting false statements in an application; establishing penalties for a violation of specified provisions of the Act; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

**SB364**

**Criminal Law – Possession of Marijuana – Civil Offense**

*Sponsored by: Senator Zirkin*

Altering the penalty for the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana; making the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana a civil offense; establishing that a person who violates the Act may be issued a citation; requiring a court to summon a person to appear in court if the court finds that a person has committed a third or subsequent violation of law involving the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana; authorizing a police officer to issue a citation under specified circumstances; etc.

*Status: Passed General Assembly (Senate 36-8; House 78-55). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

**HB359 / SB75**

**Alcoholic Beverages – Maximum Alcohol Content**

**Sponsored by: Delegate Barkley / Senator Madaleno**

Prohibiting a person from selling at retail an alcoholic beverage with an alcohol content of 95% (190 proof) or more, with an exception; and stating that a person who violates the provision is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1000.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 97-32; Senate: 39-8). Awaiting signature by Governor.*

**HB208 / SB546**

**Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Containers – Permits and Labels**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Barkley / Senator Reilly*

Providing that the holders of specified alcoholic beverages manufacturing and retail licenses and refillable container permits may refill specified containers that are branded by a specified holder of a refillable container permit; renaming specified refillable container licenses to be refillable container permits; authorizing the issuance of refillable container permits in specified jurisdictions to the holders of specified licenses for specified fees and subject to specified requirements; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 127-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*



#### **HB464**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Micro-Brewery Licenses – Retail Sale – Prepackaged Beer**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Schultz*

Authorizing the holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery (on- and off-sale) license to sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises as prepackaged beer in nonrefillable containers.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB004**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Vaportinis and Similar Devices – Prohibited**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Barkley*

Expanding the definition of "AWOL machine" to include a Vaportini or any similar device, so as to prohibit a Vaportini or any similar device from being used to inhale alcohol vapor or otherwise introduce alcohol in any form into the human body.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 105-28; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB226**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Brewing Company Off-Site Permit**

*Sponsored by: Senator Pinsky*

Authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off-site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; requiring the Office to collect a fee for a brewing company off-site permit; authorizing a brewing company off-site permit holder to provide and sell a specified amount of beer for specified purposes; requiring a brewing company off-site permit holder to have a specified agent present while selling beer or providing samples at a farmers' market; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly. (Senate: 47-0; House: 133-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB356**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Class 8 Farm Breweries – Festival Licenses**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Barkley*

Authorizing the holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license to enter into a temporary delivery agreement with a distributor for specified purposes under specified circumstances; authorizing the boards of license commissioners of specified counties to issue specified festival licenses to holders of Class 8 farm brewery licenses for specified purposes; authorizing holders of Class 8 farm brewery licenses to participate in specified festivals; applying specified provisions to a specified licensee in Garrett County; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB600**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Farmers' Market Permit – Establishment**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Luedtke*

Establishing a farmers' market permit; authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue the permit to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances; requiring the permit holder to provide specified notice to the local licensing board of a specified jurisdiction; specifying the places and times in which a permit holder may use a farmers' market permit; prohibiting the Office of the Comptroller from issuing more than a specified number of permits for use at each farmers' market; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB261 / SB161**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages – Hard Cider – Definition**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Minnick / Senator Conway*

Altering the definition of hard cider to include beverages derived primarily from pears or pear concentrate and water, containing no other fruit product, and containing at least one-half of 1% and less than 7% of alcohol by volume.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 134-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB 453**

##### **Housing and Community Development - Multifamily Rental Housing Programs Efficiency Act**

*Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee*

Repealing specified provisions of law governing the Elderly Rental Housing Program, the Nonprofit Rehabilitation Program, and the Rental Housing Production Program and establishing a new Rental Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; consolidating loan programs within the Department into a single program; providing for types of financing and repayment terms; establishing uses for loan proceeds; clarifying standards for multifamily loans; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House 129-6; Senate 46-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

#### **HB 553**

##### **Housing - Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program**

*Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee*

Establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring and authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to perform specified duties; establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction

Fund as a special, non-lapsing fund; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.  
*Status: In the House – Third Reading Passed (108-26); In the Senate – Hearing 4/1 at 1pm*

#### **HB 621/SB 700**

##### **Registration of Pesticides - Fee Increase - Disposition of Fees**

*Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty/Senator Manno*  
Increasing specified pesticide registration fees from \$100 to \$110; and providing that at least \$10 of each annual registration fee and each terminal registration fee collected under § 5-103 of the Agriculture Article may be used only for activities of the Department of Agriculture relating to the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on pesticide use in the State; specifying that money expended from the State Chemist Fund for a specified purpose is supplemental to other specified funding; etc.  
*Status: Passed General Assembly (House 99-36; Senate – 41-6). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB 628/SB 238**

##### **Board of Public Works - Relocatable Classrooms - Indoor Air Quality Requirements**

*Introduced by: Delegate Robinson, Senator King*  
Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with specified departments, to adopt regulations that include specifications relating to indoor air quality for the occupants of relocatable classrooms constructed after July 1, 2014, that are purchased or leased using State funds.  
*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House 132-0; Senate 46-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB883 / SB14**

##### **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Study of Safe and Healthy School Hours for Maryland Public Schools**

*Sponsored by: Delegate A. Miller / Senator Reilly*  
Requiring the Office of Public Health Services in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a study of safe and healthy school hours for Maryland public schools, consult with specified persons, make recommendations relating to alternative school day starting times for Maryland public schools; and requiring the Office of Public Health Services submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2014.  
*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB798 / SB701**

##### **Education – Children with Disabilities – Habilitative Services Information**

*Sponsored by: Delegate A. Kelly / Senator Madaleno*  
Requiring a local school system to provide to the parents or guardians of a child with a disability verbal and written information about access to habilitative services at specified times.  
*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 137-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB120**

##### **Education – Children with Disabilities – Parent Surrogates**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*  
Adding the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the list of public agencies required to request a local school system superintendent to appoint a parent surrogate to represent a child at any point in the educational decision making process if it is suspected that the child may be disabled; and requiring that, for specified purposes, efforts to identify specified parents be made and documented in a specified manner.  
*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 44-0; House: 133-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

#### **HB1001 / SB910**

##### **Education – Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act – Waiver Requests**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Hixson*  
Requiring the State Department of Education to submit a request for a waiver from the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly before the Department submits the proposed waiver request to the United States Department of Education and to give the Committee a specified amount of time to review and comment; etc.  
*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 129-0; Senate 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB427**

##### **Education – Maryland Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Act**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Hixson*  
Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and to implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of sudden cardiac arrest; requiring a county board of education to provide information and a notice to specified students and parents

or guardians; requiring a student and parent or guardian to sign a specified statement; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB812**

#### **Education – Middle Schools – Automated External Defibrillators**

##### **Sponsored by: Delegate Lee**

Altering a requirement that each county board of education develop and implement an automated external defibrillator program that meets specified requirements for high schools to include middle schools in the county.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB440 / SB58**

#### **Education – School Vehicles – Authorized Riders**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Pena-Melnyk / Senator Pugh*

Prohibiting the driver of a school vehicle from allowing specified individuals to board or ride on the school vehicle, subject to specified exceptions; and authorizing specified individuals to board or ride on a school vehicle under specified circumstances.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 132-0; Senate 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB1066 / HB1181**

#### **Fairness in Negotiations Act and the Public School Labor Relations Board – Sunset Repeal and Reporting Requirements**

##### **Sponsored by: Senator Raskin / Delegate Hixson**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions relating to collective bargaining for public school employees and the Public School Labor Relations Board; requiring the Board to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on information and recommendations regarding cases heard and decided by the Board on or before August 1, 2018; requiring the Board to report to specified committees of the General Assembly regarding administrative procedures and open meetings provisions on or before December 1, 2014; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 38-8; House: 93-43). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB1164**

#### **Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Implementation Review Workgroup**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Luedtke*

Establishing the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Implementation

Review Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to assess specified needs, design specified plans, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2014; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 137-0; Senate: 46-1). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

#### **HB922 / SB857**

#### **Physical Education and Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities –Funding**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Luedtke / Senator Kasemeyer*

Requiring the State Board of Education and specified county boards of education to ensure that specified types of physical education and athletic programs are funded in a specified manner; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate 47-0) Awaiting signature from the Governor.*

#### **HB297 / SB332**

#### **Prekindergarten Expansion Act of 2014**

*Sponsored by: Speaker, President*

Expanding prekindergarten services to specified 4-year-old children; establishing the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; providing expansion grants may be used for establishing or expanding existing half-day and full-day prekindergarten programs for specified eligible children, and establishing or expanding existing Judy Centers for families of specified children; requiring a qualified vendor who has received a grant in the current year to be awarded a grant in the following year under specified circumstances; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 103-33; Senate: 44-1). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB1366 / SB503**

#### **Public Schools – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Instruction (Breanna's Law)**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Cardin / Senator Pugh*

Requiring each county board of education to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, in every public school that enrolls students in any of the grades 7 through 12 in the county; providing that a specified instructional course may not be offered for a specified certification; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

### **HB413**

#### **Special Education – Individualized Education Program Parental Notice Requirements and Service Models List**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Luedtke*

Requiring the parents of a child attending their initial individualized education program evaluation meeting to be provided a specified verbal and written explanation of their rights and responsibilities and a program procedural safeguards notice and providing the right for the parents to request this information at any meeting thereafter; requiring that a specified verbal and written explanation be given in plain language; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 46-0). Awaiting signature from the Governor.*

### **SB91**

#### **State Ethics Commission – Local Governments and School Boards – Compliance Enforcement**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to adopt specified model provisions for school boards; providing that a specified model provision may be adopted or imposed on a school board under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Ethics Commission, after making a specified determination, to issue an order directing a county or municipal corporation or school board to comply with specified provisions of the Public Ethics Law; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 46-0; House: 134-0). Approved by Governor 4/8/14.*

### **HB265**

#### **Task Force to Study How to Improve Student Achievement in Middle School**

**Sponsored by: Delegate Hixson**

Establishing the Task Force to Study How to Improve Student Achievement in Middle School; providing for the Task Force composition including the State Department of Education Deputy for Teaching and Learning and a specified representative of the Maryland PTA; providing for the Task Force chair and staffing; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation and authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study "A New Mission for the Middle Grades"; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 128-3; Senate: 47-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

### **HB1332**

#### **Task Force to Study Sports Injuries in High School Female Athletes**

*Sponsored by Delegate Dumais*

Establishing the Task Force to Study Sports Injuries in High School Female Athletes; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; providing for the termination of the Act at the end of December 31, 2015; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 135-1; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB1167 / SB676**

#### **Teachers and Principals – Performance Evaluation Criteria – Use of Student Growth Data**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Hixon / Senator King*

Renaming specified model performance evaluation criteria; prohibiting specified performance evaluation criteria from requiring the use of specified student growth data before the 2016-2017 school year; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 128-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB35**

#### **Electric Reliability – Priorities and Funding**

*Sponsored by: Delegate W. Miller*

Requiring the Public Service Commission and specified electric companies to establish priorities for targeting remediation projects; establishing an Electric Reliability Remediation Fund in the Commission; providing for the purpose, administration, investment, sources, and permissible uses of the Fund; requiring that specified electric companies maintain the reliability of their distribution systems in accordance with specified standards; requiring that specified civil penalties be paid into the Fund; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **SB1044 / HB928**

#### **Public Service Commission – Competitive Retail Electricity and Gas Supply – Consumer Protection – Report**

*Sponsored by: Senator Middleton / Delegate Rudolph*

Requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2015, on the status of the Commission's efforts to provide appropriate protections for consumers in connection with competitive retail electricity supply and retail gas supply and recommendations regarding ratepayer protections; specifying the contents of the report; requiring the



Commission to convene a workgroup of interested persons, including retail electricity suppliers, to advise the Commission; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 135-0). Approved by the Governor 4/8/14.*

#### **HB401 / SB381**

##### **Health Occupations - Chiropractors, Massage Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Physical Therapist Assistants - Criminal History Records Checks Required**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Cullison / Senator Conway*  
Requiring applicants to the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners and the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to submit to a criminal history records check as a condition of licensure or registration; requiring the Boards to consider specified factors in determining whether to grant a license or registration on receipt of the criminal history record information; prohibiting the Boards from issuing a license or registration if the criminal history record information has not been received; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 131-6; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB1157**

##### **Health Occupations – Massage Therapy – Authority to Practice**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Hubbard*  
Requiring an individual to be registered by the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners before the individual may practice massage therapy in a specified setting; altering the number of hours and specified educational requirements an applicant for a specified license or registration must complete to qualify for a license or registration; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 130-1; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB11**

##### **Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee*  
Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to pay specified debt issued by a local government for the cost of connecting properties served by on-site sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; altering conditions for the funding of specified costs; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 134-1; Senate: 46-0). Approved by the Governor 4/8/14.*

#### **HB12**

##### **Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses – Local Entities**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used by specified local public entities to implement regulations for on-site sewage disposal systems that utilize the best available technology for the removal of nitrogen.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 133-0; Senate 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB101**

##### **Environment Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund – Use of Funds**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, or other forms of financial assistance, as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (Senate: 46-0; House: 135-0). Approved by the Governor 4/8/14.*

#### **SB71**

##### **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Value of Easement**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*

Prohibiting, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, and with a specified exception, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation from purchasing an agricultural land preservation easement for more than 75% or less than 25% of the fair market value of the land; and authorizing the Foundation to purchase an easement for less than 25% of the fair market value of the land if the asking price is less than 25% of the fair market value of the land.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 134-0; Senate: 42-0). Approved by the Governor 4/8/14.*

#### **SB93**

##### **Natural Resources – Recreational Incentives Pilot Program**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee*

Establishing the Recreational Incentives Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources; stating that the purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether incentive discounts offered to specified individuals increase the purchase of recreational hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the Department to develop a plan to

implement the pilot program, subject to requirements and restrictions; requiring the Department to implement the pilot program in accordance with the developed plan; etc.  
*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 46-0; House: 136-0). Approved by the Governor 4/8/14.*

#### **SB350**

##### **Speed Monitoring Systems Reform Act of 2014**

*Sponsored by Senator Brochin*

Altering the standards and requirements for the required warning period for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; applying notice and signage standards for unmanned local stationary speed monitoring systems to all local speed monitoring systems; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to compile and make publicly available on or before December 31 of each year a report containing specified information on each local speed monitoring system program; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 120-15). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB929 / SB652**

##### **Speed Monitoring Systems Reform Act of 2014**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Malone / Senator Robey*

Altering the standards and requirements for the required warning period for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; altering the standards for signage required for local stationary speed monitoring systems; requiring local jurisdictions to designate specified persons to act in a public liaison capacity; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to compile and make publicly available an annual report containing specified information on each local speed monitoring system program; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 115-20; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB288**

##### **Transportation – Metropolitan Planning Organizations – Notice and Public Hearing**

**Sponsored by: Delegate O'Donnell**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to give specified notice to specified members of the General Assembly before beginning the process of establishing, altering, or eliminating a Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning purposes for specified areas in the State; and requiring the Department to hold a public hearing within a specified area of the State to address the establishment, alteration, or elimination of a Metropolitan Planning Organization after a specified request.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 131-0; Senate: 46-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB172 / SB547**

##### **Economic Development - Baltimore Region - Baltimore Metropolitan Council and Advisory Board and Baltimore Region Transportation Board**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Mitchell / Senator Ferguson*

Altering the purposes of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council; altering the membership of the Council; requiring the Council to make a specified report annually to the General Assembly; repealing provisions of law that establish the Baltimore Metropolitan Council Advisory board; establishing the Baltimore Region Transportation Board; providing for the purpose and composition of the Board; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 135-0; Senate: 44-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB1054 / HB1516**

##### **Economic Development – Arts and Entertainment Districts – Qualifying Residing Artists**

*Sponsored by: Senator Pugh / Delegate Hixson*

Altering the definition of qualifying residing artist for an arts and entertainment district to include individuals who own or rent residential real property in the State and who conduct business and derive income in specified areas; altering the eligibility for specified individuals to claim specified tax incentives; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House 125-13; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB354 / HB681**

##### **Maryland Renters Tax Credit Program – Marketing Campaign**

*Sponsored by: Senator Muse / Delegate Carter*

Requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to establish a marketing campaign focusing on reaching renters in high poverty areas and promoting the use of the property tax relief program; authorizing Prince George's County to provide \$894,850 to provide additional rent relief for specified residents; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House 134-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB605 / HB691**

##### **Property Tax Credit – Commercial Structures – Rehabilitation**

*Sponsored by: Senator Edwards / Allegany County Delegation*

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on an existing commercial structure in which a specified investment is made to allow for the adaptive reuse of the structure; providing for the amount and duration of the tax credit; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 44-0; House: 132-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB727 / SB232**

##### **Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Applicability**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Olszewski / Senator Stone*

Specifying the percentage of State money that must be used in an elementary or a secondary school construction project before the Prevailing Wage Law applies by altering specified definitions; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 92-43; Senate: 32-15). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB1312**

##### **Program Open Space Sites – Public Access**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Beidle*

Authorizing a local governing body to use specified Program Open Space funds for the provision of public access to specified land; Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consider the feasibility of providing specified public access for specified Program Open Space projects; requiring specified subdivisions to consider the feasibility of providing public access for specified Program Open Space projects; etc.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House: 132-0; Senate 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

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*Status: Passed the General Assembly (Senate: 44-0; House: 132-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB401**

##### **Public Safety – Building Codes – Balcony Inspections (Jonathan's Law)**

*Sponsored by: Senator Young*

Requiring a political subdivision to conduct inspections of specified multifamily dwellings with balcony railings to ensure that each balcony railing meets the requirements of the applicable local housing code or the Minimum Livability Code; authorizing a political subdivision to authorize a third party to conduct the periodic inspections; authorizing a political subdivision that otherwise inspects multifamily dwelling units at least

once every 5 years to include the periodic inspections required under the Act;

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 98-35; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB365 / SB254**

##### **Public Safety – Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Distribution**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Conway / Senator Glassman*

Authorizing the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund to be used to acquire land for a specified purpose; authorizing funds to be used to install specified systems and to acquire telecommunication devices, computers, equipment, and machinery under specified circumstances; providing that funds be distributed to volunteer companies based on need; requiring a county to distribute money to volunteer companies located in qualified municipalities; defining terms; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 128-0; Senate: 47-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

#### **HB937**

##### **Wastewater Treatment Facilities – Distribution of Financial Assistance**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Elliott*

Requiring the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration in the Department of the Environment to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of specified financial assistance among wastewater facilities with a design capacity less than 500,000 gallons per day and wastewater facilities with a design capacity of 500,000 gallons per day or more.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 133-0; Senate: 46-0)*

#### **SB106**

##### **Recordation and Transfer Taxes – Transfer of Property Between Business Entities – Reorganizations – Exemption**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee*

Exempting from the recordation tax and the State transfer tax the transfer of real property between specified business entities as part of a specified reorganization; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2014.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 137-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

### **HB510**

#### **Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program – Extension and Alteration**

*Sponsored by: Chair, Ways and Means Committee*  
Extending and altering the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program; providing for a tax credit for the rehabilitation of small commercial properties under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust from issuing tax credit certificates for small commercial properties under specified circumstances; repealing a tax credit for qualified rehabilitated structures; altering the tax credit for high performance buildings; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 111-20; Senate: 46-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB918 / SB382**

#### **Business Regulation – Automated Purchasing Machines – Licensing of Buyers and Required Records**

**Sponsored by: Delegate Costa / Senator Conway**  
Requiring a person to have a specified license before doing business as a buyer of personal property by means of an automated purchasing machine in the State; requiring applicants for a buyer's license and a specified resident agent of an applicant or a licensee to apply for a national and State criminal history records check; requiring a buyer to ensure that each automated purchasing machine that the buyer owns or operates in the State meets specified requirements; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB1415 / SB1017**

#### **Chief Executive Officer or County Executive – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Kaiser / Senator Raskin*  
Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that a county charter may provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive of a county by special election; submitting an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; authorizing a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive of a charter county to be conducted by mail; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 129-6; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB1159**

#### **Cigarettes – County Retail License Holder – Prohibited Sales**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Vitale*  
Prohibiting a person who holds a specified county license to sell cigarettes at retail from selling herbal incense or potpourri that includes a noncontrolled substance with a chemical structure that is substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled dangerous substance; establishing administrative and criminal penalties for a violation of the Act; authorizing specified employees of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office to enforce specified provisions of the Act; etc.

*Status: Passed as amended by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB202 / SB186**

#### **Clean Energy Loan Programs – Private Lenders – Collection of Loan Payments**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Barkley*  
Authorizing a private lender to provide capital for a commercial loan provided under a local clean energy loan program; providing that, with the express consent of any holder of a mortgage or deed of trust on the property, a county or municipality may collect loan payments owed on a commercial loan to a private lender or to a county or municipality, and specified administrative costs, through a surcharge on a property owner's property tax bill; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 129-2; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **HB874**

#### **County Health Officers – Authority of County Governing Body and Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Pena-Melnik*  
Requiring the governing body of a county to establish a specified process for making a recommendation to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for the appointment of a health officer; providing for the confidentiality of specified information; providing that specified meetings are closed; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 132-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

### **SB15**

#### **Election Law – Statewide Voter Registration list – Removal of Deceased Voters**

*Sponsored by: Senator Jacobs*  
Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to arrange with the Social Security Administration or a specified entity to receive reports of individuals who are reported deceased; requiring an election director to remove a



registered voter who is reported deceased from the statewide voter registration list if the election director does not receive a specified response to a specified notice; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 133-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **SB781**

##### **Environment – Recycling – Special Events**

*Sponsored by: Senator Montgomery*

Requiring a county to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from special events in the county's recycling plan; requiring a county to revise its recycling plan by October 1, 2015, to address specified requirements of the Act; etc.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 137-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB294 / SB542**

##### **Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance-Level and In-Service Training Requirements (Christopher's Law)**

*Sponsored by: Delegate Carter / Senator Muse*

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that specified entrance-level and in-service training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include training in lifesaving techniques, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), training in the proper level and use of force, training regarding sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity, and training regarding individuals with physical, intellectual, and psychiatric disabilities.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (House: 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Approved by the Governor 4/14/14.*

#### **SB430 / HB1063**

##### **Libraries – Regional Resource Centers and County Public Libraries – Funding**

*Sponsored by: Senator King*

Increasing the per capita dollar amount beginning in fiscal year 2016 that is required to be provided to each regional resource center and county public library system participating in the State's library program.

*Status: Passed by the General Assembly (Senate: 47-0; House: 134-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB772**

##### **Local Government Investments – Self-Insurance Funds and Trust Fund Accounts of Political Subdivisions**

*Sponsored by: Delegate George*

Authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of a trust fund account or fund for self-insurance purposes of a political subdivision of the State or a unit of a political subdivision to make specified investments in a specified manner.

*Status: Passed the General Assembly (House 136-0; Senate: 47-0). Awaiting signature from Governor.*

#### **HB 664**

##### **Rental Units, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Smoking Restrictions**

*Introduced by: Delegate Kramer*

Allowing written leases for residential real property to include specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; allowing the bylaws or regulations of a condominium to contain specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; and authorizing a homeowners association to include in its declaration, bylaws, rules, or recorded covenants and restrictions specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in multi-unit dwellings or in the common areas.

*Status: In the House – Unfavorable Report by Environmental Matters*

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

For further information, contact Dan Furman at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or [\*\*hoc1@mlis.state.md.us\*\*](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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